

The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club

Saturday 17th February 2024

Open Show – Special Awards

Firstly, I would like to thank the club for the invitation to judge. Also, a big thank you to my stewards and the exhibitors for their entries.

Special Junior Award Dog or Bitch (8,8)

1st Harrison's Glenbrows Amadeus. This 9-month male has a nice head with a clearly defined stop. Long neck neatly set into sloping shoulders. Well-constructed with a good topline and correct tail set. Ample feathering for age. Sound mover once settled.

2nd Caldwell and Levy's Cerysan Limited Edition. 17-month male, different type to winner, smaller in build but still much to like. Good bone and substance and set into well sprung ribs. Lovely topline which is carried well on the move.

Special Postgraduate Award Dog or Bitch (7,10)

1st Stone's Kidenan Mark Time For Merrem. 2yr old male who I have judged before and still so much to like. Strong, muscular dog with a slightly domed head leading into clearly defined stop. Merry character, with a wagging tail which never stopped. Drives around the ring with good ground covering action.

2nd Stevenson's Mymmsbrook Matador With Blythway JW. 2 ½ yr old male, who is a little more mature than 1st. Of slightly heavier build, but a lot to like. Well coupled, muscular with a strong long neck. Powerful mover carried tail a little high which spoilt his outline on the move.

Special Open Award Dog or Bitch (11,11)

1st Philpson's Menstonia Meteor. 5 ½ yr old male, who caught my eye as he entered the ring. A true Welsh who is symmetrical, compact with a masculine head. Nice dark eyes, well set ears. Deep brisket, well-sprung ribs, strong topline, good angulated front and rear. He moved out well with purpose.

2nd Smith's Isfryn Peeping Tom JW. 6 ½ yr old male of different type to 1st. Compact and balanced, clearly built for endurance and hard work. Lovely merry character, tail never stopped wagging. Good reach and drive, moved out well.

Judge: Stacie Nicoll (Antreth)